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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CANADIAN ACTION ON ORIGIN RULES

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIANS ARE CONSIDERING
INTRODUCING ORIGIN ISSUE IN CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP.
AS WASHINGTON IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN REVIEW OF OPTIONS
IN DEALING WITH ORIGIN PROBLEM, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT
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CANADIAN ACTION MAY IMPAIR OR CLOSE SEVERAL OPTIONS

UNDER CONSIDERATION AND MAY ULTIMATELY MAKE IT MORE
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE OUR SPECIFIC ORIGIN RULE PROBLEMS.

2. REQUEST MISSION CONTACT CANADIAN DEL AND REPORT
THEIR RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING POINTS BY CABLE ASAP:

A. U.S. IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING POLICY OPTIONS FOR
DEALING WITH ORIGIN RULE ISSUE;

B. U.S. SEES CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH DEALING WITH
ORIGIN RULE ISSUE IN CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP, INCLUDING
POSSIBILITY THAT LDC'S WILL PRESS FOR S&D IN ANY
SOLUTION TO ORIGIN RULE ISSUE AND MAY PRESS FOR
DISCUSSION OF ORIGIN RULE PROBLEM IN GSP;

C. U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLANATION OF WHY CANADIANS
THINK CUSTOMS SUBGROUP MAY BE DESIRABLE WAY OF DEALING
WITH ISSUE;

D. U.S. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ORIGIN RULE ISSUE
FURTHER WITH CANADIANS BEFORE THEY BEGIN DISCUSSION
OF MTN APPROACHES TO THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
OR TAKE ANY ACTION IN GENEVA. ROBINSON

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